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C) TREASURY (MCDONALD)/USEC (HOLMES) TELECON 12/19

D) STATE (MCCARTHY)/USEC (HOLMES) TELECON 12/19

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: HIJZEN HAS SIGNED AND GIVEN TO THE MISSION A LETTER IDENTIFICAL TO THE TEXT IN REF A. SUBJECT TO THE POINTS IN PARAAS 4 AND 5 OF THIS TEL, HE IS AGREEABLE TO THE US LETTER IN REF B. HE EMPHASIZES HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT WORK WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY WITH A VIEW TO SETTLING THE BROADER ISSUES OF DAIRY EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 20 HIJZEN, THE EC COMMISSION'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, CALLED US IN. RABOT, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE WAS PRESENT. HIJZEN GAVE US A LETTER, ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR GREENWALD, WHICH IS IDENTICAL TO THE TEXT IN REF A. (COPIES ARE BEING POUCHED.) HIJZEN HAS INFORMED US THAT HE SIGNED ANDGAVE THIS LETTER TO US OVER THE RESERVATIONS

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OF MEMBER STATES. IN PARTICULAR THE MATTER AROSE IN COREPER

ON WEDNESDAY# DECEMBER 18 AND PRODUCED A DISCUSSION WHICH WAS ENDED BY THE FRENCH CHAIRMAN SAYING THAT THIS COMPLICATED MATTER NEEDED FURTHER DISCUSSION--IN JANUARY. HIJZEN SAID THAT HE WAS NVERTHELESS PROCEEDING, BUT HE WISHED WASHINGTON TO KNOW THAT HE WAS MAKING CLEAR TO THE COMMISSION (AND POSSIBLY TO MEMBER STATES) THAT HE TOOK THIS DECISION BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY WASHINGTON THAT OTHERWISE THE US WOULD IMPOSE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THIS BOTH BY AN OFFICER OF THE MISSION (ACTING ON THE BASIS OF REF C) AND, DIRECTLY, BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLITMAN--IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON DECEMBER 19.

3. HIJZEN SAID THAT HE ALSO WANTED US OFFICIALLY TO CONVEY TO WASHINGTON THAT THIS ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT "WORK" WOULD START EARLY IN JANUARY WITH A VIEW TO SETTLING THE QUESTION OF DAIRY EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES "DEFINITELY." THE COMMISSION WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US AFTER THE HOLIDAYS AS SOON AS THEY HAD CLEARER IDEAS OF HOW TO PROCEED.

4. TURNING TO THE LETTER OF RESPONSE TO BE SENT HIM BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD, HIJZEN NOTED THAT ONE POINT GAVE HIM GREAT TROUBLE. THIS WAS THE REQUEST FOR A LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE US LETTER. WE INFORMED HIM THAT ON THE BASIS OF REF D, WE WERE AUTHORIZED TO TELL HIM THAT SUCH A LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WAS NOT REQUIRED AND THAT THEREFORE THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE LETTER TO BE SENT BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD WOULD BE DROPPED. HIJZEN EXPRESSED GREAT HAPPINESS AT THIS INFORMATION.

5. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD TWO OTHER POINTS TO MAKE ABOUT THE LETTER. FIRST, HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE PENULTIMATE PARA DID NOT CONTAIN THE WORD "AGREEMENT" AND HOPED IT WOULD STAY THAT WAY. SECONDLY, THE PHRASE IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE LETTER, "WE THEREFORE ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL," GAVE HIM DIFFICULTIES. HE RECOGNIZED THAT A WORD STRONGER THAN "SUGGESTION" WAS NECESSARY IN THIS SENTENCE, BUT "PROPOSAL" WAS TOO STRONG. HE SUGGESTED THAT A RE-DRAFTING OF THE PHRASE TO SATISFY BOTH US LEGAL NEEDS AND COMMUNITY SENSIBILITIES SHOULD BE POSSIBLE. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY FIXED IDEA OF HOW TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RE-DRAFT THE PHRASE, BUT AS ONE SUGGESTION GAVE US "WE THEREFORE ACCEPT THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 20, 1974, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US TAKE STEPS...."

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THE MISSION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE RESPONSE TO BE MADE TO HIJZEN'S LETTER. WE PARTICULARLY URGE THAT WASHINGTON TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMMISSION OF THE SECOND POINT IN PARA 5 ABOVE WHICH IS PRESENTATIONALLY

VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM.GREENWALD

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